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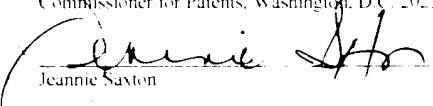
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Filed: April 5, 2001 )  
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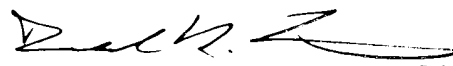
Sir:

In response to the Office Action August 29, 2002, Applicants provide the following election.

Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to claims 1-4, drawn to an etching method.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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